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OXIDATION OF A STRIP BEFORE CONTINUOUS GALVANIZING, AND

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.